

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BANNING METHYL BROMIDE— AGRICULTURAL CONSEQUENCES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review the agricultural consequences of banning methyl bromide. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

TERRORISM AND THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on terrorism and threats to U.S. interests in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM—DOD MANAGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Department of Defense management of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy de Leon, Deputy Secretary; Gen. Tommy R. Franks, Jr., USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; Rear Adm. J. Jarrett Clinton, USN, First Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Maj. Gen. Randall L. West, USMC, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary, Chemical and Biological Protection; Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Chemical and Biological Defense; and April G. Stephenson, Chief, Policy Program Division; Defense Contract Audit Agency; Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologic Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4807, Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 2000.

CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 4012, Construction Quality Assurance Act of 2000. Testimony was

heard from David Drabkin, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA; and public witnesses.

FAIRNESS AND VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 534, Fairness and Voluntary Arbitration Act.

OVERSIGHT—GENE PATENTS AND OTHER GENOMIC INVENTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Gene Patents and Other Genomic Inventions. Testimony was heard from Todd Dickinson, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4423, Probation Officers' Protection Act of 2000; and H.R. 3484, Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Connecticut; Emmet G. Sullivan, U.S. District Judge, District of Columbia, member, Committee on Criminal Law, Judicial Conference of the United States; David R. Knowlton, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation Division, FBI, Department of Justice; John Varrone, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Robert Ryan, Chief Probation Officer, U.S. District of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Marshals Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice: John W. Marshall, Director; Donald S. Donovan, Acting Assistant Director, Judicial Security Division; Robert J. Finan, II, Assistant Director, Investigative Services Division; Kenneth L. Pekarek, Acting Assistant Director, Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System; and George K. McKinney, U.S. Marshal, District of Maryland.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2752, Lincoln County Land Act of 1999; H.R. 4312, Upper Housatonic National

Heritage Area Study Act of 2000; H.R. 4613, National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000; and H.R. 4721, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States. Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Connecticut; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Pete Culp, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management; and Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service; Kevin J. Phillips, Mayor, Caliente, Nevada; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI program. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

WAIVING SAME DAY CONSIDERATION—SENATE AMENDMENTS—MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on the legislative day of July 17, 2000, providing for consideration or disposition of any Senate amendments to H.R. 4810, the Marriage Penalty Tax Elimination Reconciliation Act of 2000.

EPA—STRENGTHENING SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Strengthening Science at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-National Research Council Findings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MORELLA COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing to review the Morella Commission Report: Recommendations to Attract Women and Minorities Into Science, Engineering and Technology. Testimony was heard from Col. Eileen Collins, Astronaut, Commander STS-93, NASA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL PARKS—BANNING SNOWMOBILES—IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on the impact of banning snowmobiles inside National Parks on small business. Testimony was heard from Senator Thomas; Representatives Stupak and Peterson of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits concluded hearings on the following bills: H.R. 4765, 21st Century Veterans Employment and Training Act; and H.R. 3256, Veterans' Right to Know Act. Testimony was heard from representatives of veterans' organizations; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4843, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act of 2000.

The Committee also adversely reported H.J. Res. 103, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Challenges Facing Social Security Disability Programs in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; Donald Lollar, Chief, Disability and Health Branch, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2000 Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.